

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-10 and 12-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 9, 10, 12-14 are independent. All of the pending claims stand rejected. By this amendment, claims 1, 9, 10, 12-14 are amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Objections

SPECIFICATION

The Office Action indicates that the title is not descriptive.

In response, the title has been amended as shown above to read “IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD FOR IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS HAVING ELECTRONIC MAIL FUNCTION.”

CLAIMS

Claims 12 and 13 have been objected to as having informalities. The Office Action indicates that the term “means” in line 9 of claim 12 and in line 8 of claim 13 should be changed to “step”.

Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to change the term “means” into -- step --.

Applicant respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-10 and 12-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,583,813 to Enright et al. (“Enright”).

In the *Response to Arguments* section of the Final Office Action, the Examiner describes, *inter alia*, that:

However, it is clear from column 36, lines 32 *et seq.* and figures 62-72 that the email also includes information about the nature of the triggering event and capture time. Also it is inherent that the email will include time text data with the sensing condition since in column 36 lines 39-41 Enright et al. mentions that the recipient of the email receives useful information of the occurrence of the machine from figures 62-72. Page 2 of the Final Office Action.

The cited portion of Enright by the Examiner describes as follows:

As previously discussed, the timing aspect of programmed sequences enables different individuals to be notified of events at different times and on different days. This facilitates notifying the persons who have the most direct responsibility for the condition at the time it occurs. Forms of the invention may also be configured to attach or include in e-mails, images which correspond to the triggering event which causes the notification to be sent. This may immediately provide the person receiving the e-mail with useful information about what is occurring at the machine. A series of images or applets for the modification of images may also be transmitted with the notification. This may include for example images which occurred prior to the triggering event. Such e-mails may also include information about the nature of the triggering event, the location or banking machine where such event is occurring and other pertinent data. In this way, the entities notified will receive a record of what has or is happening at the machine. Col. 36, lines 32-49 of Enright. (Emphasis added)

As Applicant understand it and as indicated above, there is nothing in Enright including the above cited portion that teaches the “converting” and “transmitting” of the present invention that converts time information of the sensed image into text data and transmits the text data through an electronic message as specifically required by claims 1, 9, 10 and 12-14 of the present invention. Enright merely discloses that images may be sent through an email with useful information about what is occurring at the machine, and the emails may also include “information about the nature of the triggering event, the location or banking machine where such event is occurring and other pertinent data.”

Applicant understand that the Enright's email may include time text data that would indicate when the email message itself was sent. However, Enright is silent on whether the time information of the sensed image is actually converted into text data so that the converted text data of the time information of the sensed image is sent through an electronic mail.

One of the aspects of the present invention is to help the recipient of the email message to know the contents of the image data (e.g., time information) distributed through the received electronic mail even without opening the image data attached with the email. See, e.g., the Background of the Invention section of the original specification (e.g., page 2, line 20 through page 3, line 1 of the original specification). By converting the time information of the sensed image into text data and transmitting the converted text data through an email, the present invention enables a recipient of the email to know the contents of the sensed image data (i.e., when the image was taken) even without opening the image itself.

Additionally, it is indicated in Enright that "FIG. 67 is an exemplary embodiment of a screen presented at a user terminal showing an image output in which images are not grouped by particular event type." (col. 9, lines 65-67 of Enright) This statement of Enright alone indicates that the characters shown at the right side of the picture in Fig. 67 of Enright are part of the image data, i.e., not converted text data.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that each of pending claims 1, 9, 10 and 12-14 is neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Enright for at least the reasons discussed above.

Nonetheless, claims 1, 9, 10 and 12-14 have been amended for further clarification. In particular, each of amended claims 1, 9, 10 and 12-14 recites, *inter alia*, that "... as a part of electronic text message ..."

Applicant believes that amended claims 1, 9, 10 and 12-14 further distinguish over the cited reference (i.e., Enright).

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 9, 10 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Applicant has not individually addressed the rejections of the dependent claims because Applicant submits that the independent claims from which they respectively depend are in condition for allowance as set forth above. Applicant however reserves the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary.

Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

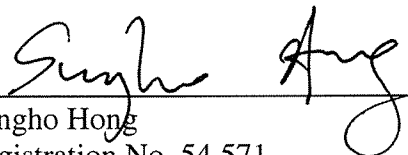
No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-5116). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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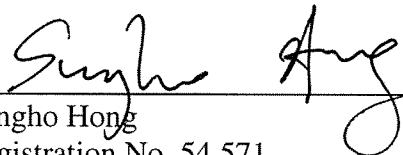
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